



## State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION

### Month of the Military Child

**WHEREAS**, thousands of brave Americans, including many Rhode Islanders, have demonstrated their courage and commitment to freedom by serving in our country's armed forces in Active, Guard and Reserve duty posts around the state, nation and world; and

**WHEREAS**, many of these service members have left families and children behind during their deployments; and


**WHEREAS**, over 5,000 Rhode Island children have at least one parent currently serving on Active, Guard or Reserve duty, over 3,000 of those children are of school-age; and


**WHEREAS**, the Month of the Military Child provides an opportunity to pay tribute to Rhode Island's military children for their commitment, struggles and unconditional support of our troops; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lincoln D. Chafee**, Governor of the State of Rhode Island, do hereby proclaim April, 2013 as the Month of the Military Child in the State of Rhode Island and encourage all state residents to recognize the importance of this month.



Given under my hand and the great seal of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2013

  
Lincoln D. Chafee  
Governor

  
A. Ralph Mollis  
Secretary of State